

Hawaii's Polluted Runoff Control Program

End of Year Report - Fiscal Year 2002



Department of Health Clean Water Branch Polluted Runoff Control Program

Overview

In some cases, one man can move a mountain, but in addressing non-point source pollution in Hawaii it requires the actions of many to make a difference. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2002, the Polluted Runoff Control Program's staff (the Program) of three managed over thirty (30) implementation projects, continued education and outreach efforts statewide, developed new partnerships and enhanced existing partnerships in their quest to address the non-point source pollution problems in Hawaii.



Every effort was made to meet the goals of Hawaii's Implementation Plan for Polluted Runoff Control, July 2000 (the Implementation Plan), the nine key elements outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Program's workplan.

The Program is determined to pull together all available resources within watersheds to seriously control polluted runoff. The Program continues to believe that voluntary efforts can be effective in addressing the state's nonpoint source pollution and the staff is apprehensive in taking on a regulatory role in the future.

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Clean up efforts are conducted statewide. Thousands of volunteers assist each year in removing trash from streams and beaches. But eventually the rubbish and pollutants return . . . The clean ups are temporary solutions, education and commitment is needed to make a difference.